



**Village of Savoy**  
**Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center**  
**611 North Dunlap Avenue**  
**Savoy, IL 61874**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DATE: July 15, 2020

PLACE: Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center  
611 North Dunlap Ave.  
Savoy, IL 61874

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.  
ADJOURNED: 7:45 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING – VILLAGE OF SAVOY PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021  
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**Open Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.**

President Dykstra indicated that the notice of the Public Hearing had been duly posted at the Savoy Municipal Center and published in the News-Gazette on June 30, 2020 according to State Statute and has been available for inspection at the Savoy Municipal Center, as well as posted on the Village website. President Dykstra asked for public comment and asked the Village Clerk if she had any written comments or questions on the Appropriation Ordinance and informed no.

**Ask for public comment. None received.**

**Motion to Close Public Hearing.**

**Trustee Brown made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Mangian; By Trustee vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Shonkwiler, Vavrik**

**Votes Aye Via Voice Teleconference call: Niccum**

**Absent: Trustee Ruggieri**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL TAKEN, QUORUM DECLARATION**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Savoy regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Dykstra. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Billie Krueger, the following were:

**PRESENT: Trustees Brown, Mangian, Shonkwiler and Vavrik with President Dykstra presiding.**

**PRESENT VIA VOICE CONFERENCE CALL: Trustee Niccum**

**ABSENT: Trustee Ruggieri**

OTHERS: Levi Kopmann, Acting Village Administrator  
Brandon M. Martin, Director of Savoy Recreation Center  
Jason Dillingham, Fire Chief, Savoy Fire Department  
Lon Pitcher, Assistant Fire Chief, Savoy Fire Department  
Sam Smith, Captain, Savoy Fire Department  
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

GUESTS: William Smith, 207 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL  
Ben Zigterman, The News-Gazette

## **2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Dykstra led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

## **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Dykstra asked for public participation.

Public participation as follows:

William Smith, 207 N. Dunlap, Savoy spoke about the following:

- Wanted everyone to be aware that the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium would be having a zoom meeting on August 6, 2020.
- Savoy Rotary had awarded “Citizen of the Year” to Mark Wetzel and his wife, Teri Wetzel, for all of their work at Colbert Park. They had been nominated by John Brown.
- He stated he was totally against the YMCA possibly coming to the Savoy Recreation Center, as a possible lessee, and he believes Savoy has a lot vested in the Savoy Recreation Center. He mentioned in November 1989, the Village of Savoy had a Building, Grounds & Park Committee and this Committee and Savoy residents felt there was a need for the community to have a fitness facility/community center. Also, he is aware that the Village has to subsidize the Savoy Recreation Center, but the Village has done this with no additional taxes on its residents. Also, in August, 2004, the Mike Kulas family bought the First United Methodist Church at 402 Graham Drive and planned to add a high school gymnasium next to it and then donate it to the Village of Savoy with Savoy opening the new community and recreation center in the building by 2005, that is now the Savoy Recreation Center.

## **4. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

President Dykstra asked if there were other agenda items to be added. None added.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05 – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**

Trustee Brown made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2020-05, as presented, seconded by Trustee Mangian;

By Trustee vote:

Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Shonkwiler, Vavrik

Votes Aye Via Voice Teleconference call: Niccum

Absent: Trustee Ruggieri

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 2020R-05 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A REFERENDUM OF WHETHER THE VILLAGE SHOULD BECOME A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY**

**Trustee Niccum made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2020R-05, as presented, seconded by Trustee Mangian;**

**Trustee Shonkwiler made a motion to defer Resolution No. 2020R-05 until the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election to allow Savoy voters more time to research the Home Rule designation for Savoy, seconded by Trustee Vavrik;**

**Discussion:**

President Dykstra stated she believed this was a good idea since the home rule matter had seemed to have been rushed and voters have so many other issues to vote on at the November, 2020 election.

Trustee Niccum stated he was not sure why it seems like it had been rushed, because the Trustees had been talking about home rule for many years. He also stated that by not being able to impose a local gas tax, the Village is losing another six months to collect the approximate \$200,000 to \$400,000 that could be used for street repairs as soon as possible.

Trustee Shonkwiler disagreed.

Trustee Brown stated he did feel like we were rushing, but we needed to get this on the ballot and need a date to bring it back on the agenda.

Trustee Vavrik stated that April 6, 2021 is a consolidated municipal election and he would support it being on that ballot.

Trustee Mangian stated she believed the motion to defer was just proposed 15 minutes ago and she was in favor of putting it on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

**By Trustee vote to defer Resolution No. 2020R-05:**

**Ayes: Brown, Shonkwiler, Vavrik**

**Nays: Mangian**

**Vote Nays: Via Voice Teleconference call: Niccum**

**Absent: Trustee Ruggieri**

**Motion carried.**

**C. APPROVAL OF KEMPER CPA TO COMPLETE FY 2019-2020 ANNUAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 4-30-2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,800.**

**Trustee Brown made a motion to approve Kemper CPA to complete the Village of Savoy FY 2019-2020 Annual Audit for the year ended 4-30-2020 for an amount not to exceed \$16,800, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;**

**By Trustee vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Shonkwiler, Vavrik**

**Votes Aye Via Voice Teleconference call: Niccum**

**Absent: Trustee Ruggieri**

**D. APPROVAL OF SAVOY RECREATION CENTER ACTIVITY ROOM ACOUSTICS  
QUOTE TO PICTURE PERFECT TECHNOLOGIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
\$8,149.00**

Trustee Niccum made a motion to approve the Savoy Recreation Center Activity Room Acoustics Quote to Picture Perfect Technologies, as presented, in the amount not to exceed \$8,149.00, seconded by Trustee Brown;

**By Trustee vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Shonkwiler, Vavrik**

**Votes Aye Via Voice Teleconference call: Niccum**

**Absent: Trustee Ruggieri**

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. SAVOY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed the Savoy Fire Department Activity Report and Fire Incident Summary and Monthly Alarm Response Summary, together with a 2020 Total Calls by each firefighter and Completed Assignments for each firefighter for the period 6/01/2020 through 6/30/2020 presented by Fire Chief Jason Dillingham. He added the following updates:

- The Underwriters Lab tested all of the ladder trucks and all passed for another year. Dillingham thanked everyone for helping with these inspections because they worked out in the heat for three days.
- Dillingham thanked everyone for the participation in the Savoy Fire Department 4<sup>th</sup> of July Drive-by parade; he had received many compliments.
- Started fire hydrant testing
- Savoy Fire Department received a 3 ISO rating which he stated was a good rating.

Trustee Brown asked that a future Board of Trustees Study Session be set to discuss the ISO rating and see what Champaign and Urbana's rating was. Chief Dillingham stated it was hard to get their ISO ratings.

**B. SAVOY RECREATION CENTER**

President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed the Director of the Savoy Recreation Center's Monthly Report, Membership Usage Report, Reservation Master Report, Gymnasium Schedule, Gymnasium (2) Schedule, Gym Court 1 Schedule, Gym Court 2 Schedule, Pickleball Gym Schedule, Activity Room Schedule, Activity Room (2) Schedule, Multipurpose Room Schedule, Burwash Pavilion at Burwash Park, Colbert Pavilion (small playground), Colbert Pavilion (Small pond), Colbert Pavilion (large), Colbert Park at Colbert Park and the Savoy Recreation Center July 2020 Newsletter all from Brandon Martin dated July 15, 2020..

Martin stated that the Savoy Recreation Center had been shut down the entire month of June.

## 7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATIONS

Levi Kopmann stated there was a new procedure after or during storms as follows:

- Keep streets cleared first;
- Then residents can call or email Public Works asking for pickup of limbs, etc.

Trustee Niccum stated that he believed Savoy's properties east of railroad tracks received large hail and might be considered a disaster area – might need to be checked into.

Niccum also mentioned that the Champaign Unit 4 School District had been changing their recommendations hourly on when to start school; so, there was nothing to report on when school would be starting and how many hours, etc.

## 8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees meeting, President Dykstra adjourned the open and public Board of Trustees meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Billie Jean Krueger*

Village Clerk

**This meeting was recorded.**  
**Minutes approved 8-5-2020**

*/s/ Billie Jean Krueger*